CONFRONTING OUR DARK THOUGHTS
some Biblical considerations

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But, LORD, you know me; you see what I do and how I love you. Drag these evil people away like sheep to be butchered; guard them until it is time for them to be slaughtered.

Jer 12.3 GNT
Babylon, you will be destroyed. Happy are those who pay you back for what you have done to us. 9 who take your babies and smash them against a rock.

Psalm 137.8,9
But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment.
Matthew 15.19

“For from your heart come the evil ideas which lead you to kill, commit adultery, and do other immoral things; to rob, lie, and slander others.”
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“Elijah was a human being, even as we are...” (James 5.17 NIV).
Jeremiah (18:21-23)

“let their children starve to death; let them be killed in war. Let the women lose their husbands and children; let the men die of disease and the young men be killed in battle. 22 Send a mob to plunder their homes without warning; make them cry out in terror...... 23 .....Do not forgive their evil or pardon their sin. Throw them down in defeat and deal with them while you are angry.”
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• We have them because we are human
• We have them because life is dark
Why does the way of the wicked prosper?
Why do all the faithless live at ease?
2 You have planted them, and they have taken root;
they grow and bear fruit.
You are always on their lips but far from their hearts.
Let our hearts be always cheerful;
Why should murm'ring enter there,
When our kind and loving Father
Makes us children of His care?

Always cheerful always cheerful,
Sunshine all around we see;
Full of beauty is the path of duty,
Cheerful we may always be.
...a frightened, numb denial and deception that does not want to acknowledge or experience the disorientation of life...

Besides their common wish for death.. God is simply saying to them... that if they can’t manage the psychological pressures... put upon them by the public position they hold, then they have no business being in that position.

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• Yes... we should share them
• No... we should not share them
“I have been shown that many, many confessions should never be spoken in the hearing of mortals...”

“God will be better glorified if we confess the secret, inbred corruption of the heart to Jesus alone than if we open its recesses to finite, erring man, who cannot judge righteously unless his heart is constantly imbued with the Spirit of God. God knows the heart, even every secret of the soul; then do not pour into human ears the story which God alone should hear.” (5T 645 para 2, 3)
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